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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	December 9, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Dr. William Northey, LMFT
Mary Davis, LCDP
Tracy Hansen, LMFT
William Gale, LPCMH
Lisa Ritchie, LPCMH
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Winnie Lewis, Public Member
Robert Doyle, Public Member
Dean Aman, LPCMH

ALSO PRESENT

Janelle Evans
Kim Hurley, Court Reporter, Wilcox and Fetzer

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the September 23, 2009 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

12:30 p.m. - Rule to Show Cause Hearing – Janelle Evans

At 12:35 p.m., Ms. Hickey called the rule to show cause hearing to order for Janelle Evans. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Hickey stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – The Board's Decision & Order dated June 24, 2009; Board Exhibit 2 - Notification of hearing letter and certified mail receipt card; Board Exhibit 3 - CE audit packet submitted by Ms. Evans. Ms. Hickey verified with Ms. Evans that she waived her right to be represented by counsel. Ms. Evans was sworn, presented her case to the Board, and answered any questions they had. At 12:46 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board took a brief recess from 1:20 p.m. – 1:24 p.m. At 1:25 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to impose the following sanctions: Ms. Evans will be required to complete 10 hours of face-to-face CE acceptable to the Board in professional, legal and ethical issues; Her license will be suspended for a minimum of three months from the date of the Board Order or until she completes the required CE; Ms. Evans will automatically be selected for audit during the 2010 and 2012 post renewal audit; the additional CE taken to satisfy the 2008 post renewal audit and Board Order cannot be used for the 2010 post renewal audit; and Ms. Evans can request to be removed from suspension upon completion of the CE and the minimum 3 month suspension period. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 1:27 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CE Audit - Review CE Documentation

The Board reviewed the CE documentation that Jean Olson submitted as required in the Board's April 22, 2009 Order. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, that Ms. Olson be scheduled for another rule to show cause hearing because the CE documentation that she submitted does not comply with the Board's April 22, 2009 Order. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the CE documentation that Joseph Hicks submitted as required in the Board's April 22, 2009 Order. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, that Mr. Hicks be scheduled for another rule to show cause hearing because the CE documentation that he submitted does not comply with the Board's April 22, 2009 Order. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity for Cornell Brunson

The Board reviewed additional information submitted by Cornell Brunson in reference to his previously tabled application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. The additional information was not sufficient for the Board to determine that Mr. Brunson meets the qualifications for licensure under Delaware Law. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to propose to deny Mr. Brunson's application. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to add the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Lisa Shaffner to the agenda for review. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Gary Hartford

The Board reviewed Mr. Hartford's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Shannon Moyer

The Board reviewed Ms. Moyer's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Lisa Shaffner

The Board reviewed Ms. Shaffner's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests for Approval of Continuing Education Activities

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to approve the following CE activity for Delaware Hospice, Inc. as noted below:

Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue and Self-Care for Helping Professionals (6 hours)

Motion unanimously carried.

Close Complaints

Ms. Ritchie agreed with the Investigative Unit to close Complaint #33-01-09.

Discussion Regarding Supervisor Responsibilities – Dr. Northey

Dr. Northey initiated a discussion about providing supervisors more guidance in regards to their responsibilities as supervisors. He advised that he would like for the supervisors to have to attest to the fact that their supervisee meets certain competencies. It was suggested that this issue be discussed in a committee. A committee meeting will be scheduled for December 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this issue further. Dr. Northey, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Cherneski, and Mr. Gale have volunteered to serve on the committee. All other Board members are also welcome to attend and the meeting will be open to the public.

Schedule 2010 Meeting Dates

Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with a list of their regularly scheduled board meetings for 2010. She advised that the November meeting falls the day before Thanksgiving. She asked the Board if they would like to keep that date or change the November meeting to December as they did in 2009. The Board elected to change the 2010 November meeting to December 8, 2010.

Correspondence

Review Letter from Jean Eva Thumm Regarding CE

The Board reviewed a letter and some CE documentation that was submitted by Jean Eva Thumm. Ms. Thumm is requesting to know if the CE courses that she has taken for her LMFT license are acceptable to the Board. The Board determined that all of the courses submitted for review appear to be acceptable based on the Board's CE regulations.

The CACREP Connection – Fall 2009

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she has received the Fall 2009 edition of The CACREP Connection if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

Other Business (for discussion only)

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that the LPCMH and LACMH applications and forms are in the process of being updated to provide more clarity for applicants and to be more consistent with the format of other forms and applications used by the Division of Professional Regulation.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

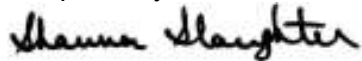
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room B of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter
Administrative Specialist II